AWEX-G Forecast for Sunday, Nov. 16 (Nov 17 UT)

Forecast (updated 7:20pm CST): SE winds around 10mph. Partly cloudy with high bases until after midnight, then low-based clouds and rain. Conditions should be OK for launches until midnight, maybe for a couple of hours after midnight.

Synopsis: 00Z surface analysis: Low at west end of OK panhandle.

OK mesonet: Light SE winds. Temps in the mid 50s, dewpoints in the high 40s.

<u>Grant County forecast</u>: Tonight. Mostly clear then mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

RUC cloud forecast: Low cloud cover through most of the period.

Tomorrow's Outlook: Mostly cloudy, high-based. Windy.

Tuesday's Outlook: Clear and windy. Progression of system should be fast enough to clear out the skies, but not quite fast enough to slow the winds down by Tue. night.

Observations at SGP@0200 UTC: very clear. RUC model seems to be predicting cloud advance too early...

The plan: early (~0300 UT) launch of RS-80, RS-90, Sippican/SW, Intermet. Second launch (and even third for AIRS coordination) if weather permits.

What happened: First launch as planned successful under mostly clear conditions. SRL showing thin cirrus occasionally at 9.5km. 0330: Cloud to the west seem to be advancing through the OK panhandle. Winds are light, light fog visible by 0400 UT. 0500 UTC observation: cirrus gone. Second launch of RS-80, RS-90, Intermet, Sippican/SW occurred at ~0540 UT. SRL operational from ~0230 - 0700 UT. Clouds advancing rapidly making coverage of AIRS overpass undesirable.